(*b*) if so the name and designation of those punished, the punishment and the offence for which the punishment was inflicted;

(*c*) whether any opportunity was given to the Anchal-master to explain before the Superintendent submitted his first report to the Government;

(*d*) if so, will the Government be pleased to place on the table the explanation of the Anchal-master;

(*e*) did the Government call for the explanation of the permanent Superintendent?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Clerk K. Krishnan Nayar and Anchalman T. A. Govindan Nayar were suspended for 6 and 3 months respectively, the former for temporarily misappropriating amounts realised on V. P. articles delivered, and the latter for conniving at the said misappropriation.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A copy of the Trichur Anchal-master's explanation offered in his report No. 207 dated 29th Thulam 1112 is appended. (*Vide Appendix III*).

(*e*) Yes.

Mr. A. L. Antony (*Irinjalakkuda*): Is suspension for 6 months a sufficient punishment for misappropriation of money?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): In this particular case, that was the punishment given by the Anchal Superintendent and the Government did not think to enhance it.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FOR LEAVE.

154. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is any rule that every Government employee should produce a medical certificate from an Assistant Surgeon if she or he wants sick leave;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government has realised that this entails great hardship on low-paid employees in rural parts, for instance, places like Malayattur which is approximately 25 miles away from Ernakulam;

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(*c*) will the Government be pleased to make a ruling that in such cases it would be sufficient if the Government servant produces a certificate from the Medical Officer in charge of the nearest Government Dispensary, or the nearest Panchayat Physician?

Mr. P. J. George: (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Was there not a circular to Officers to produce certificates from Assistant Surgeons, if they want leave?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No certificates are insisted, except in the case of the Education Department where they enjoy a lot of holidays. So Government thought it necessary to issue a circular as far as the teaching staff is concerned so that they might not be encouraged to take leave now and then.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): പ്രിവിലേജ്‌ലീവ് എടുക്കണമെങ്കിൽ മെഡിക്കൽ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് വേണോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes, in the case of the teaching staff of the Education Department. In the case of other Departments no such circular is issued.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): പ്രിവിലേജ്‌ലീവു എടുക്കണമെങ്കിൽ മെഡിക്കൽ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് വേണമെന്നുള്ളതു എഡ്യുക്കേഷൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റിൽ നിർബ്ബന്ധമാണോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): They have got only very few days to work.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): എൽ. എം. പി. ക്കാരുടെ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് മതിയാകുമോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): They need not be paid Assistant Surgeons, even honorary and rural medical practitioners' certificates will do.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): സബ് അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് സർജന്റെ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് പാടില്ലെന്നുള്ളതു് അവർ ഡിസ്കൗണ്ടായതുകൊണ്ടാണോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Government thought that it must be given by some responsible medical officer.

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Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): അസിസ്റ്റൻറ സർജനെ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കണമെങ്കിൽ വളരെ നാഴിക അകലെ അവർ പോകണമെന്നുള്ളതു ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു അറിയാമോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Not now-a-days. There are any number of them.

PATTANCHERI VILLAGE—PUBLIC TANK.

155. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the public of Pattancheri in Chittur Taluk have no public tank for bathing purposes ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the tank known as അമ്പലക്കുളം temple tank is made useless for bathing purposes by drawing away water from it in the month of Meenam and Medam by the adjacent land owner ;

(*c*) is it not a fact that that tank was constructed by a lady of Matasery house for the benefit of the public ;

(*d*) is it not a fact that the water of the tank, if used at all, for irrigation, was for irrigating only four acres of land adjoining it ;

(*e*) are they aware that the water is taken away for other lands also at present;

(*f*) whether they would be pleased to restrict the taking away of water that it may not prejudice the right of use of the public for bathing purposes ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): (*a*) There are two big tanks in Pattancheri, which are used for bathing purposes. The two tanks are patta lands. The one called അമ്പലക്കുളം is used by caste Hindus alone.

(*b*) Yes—to a certain extent.

(*c*) No information. The tank is included in the patta lands held by Nayar-veetil Suppu Nayar of Pattancheri.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) It may not be possible to place any restriction in the matter of letting down water from a private tank for irrigation purposes.

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